

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that :

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled :

**CELLS FOR THE ELECTROWINNING OF ALUMINIUM HAVING  
DIMENSIONALLY STABLE METAL-BASED ANODES**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by us on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed :

Prior Foreign/PCT Application(s)

Priority  
Claimed

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(Number)

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(Country)

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(Day/Month/Year Filed)

No

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application and the filing date of the application :

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(Application Serial No.)

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(Filing Date)

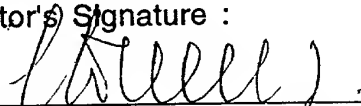
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FOOTNOTES

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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